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Bicycle / Pedestrian Vision Newsletter

Governor James E. McGreevey • Commissioner Jamie Fox

New Jerseyans collect 185 bikes for Namibia

NJDOT Headquarters in Ewing was the collection site for the Pedals for Progress drive for 185 unused bicycles that will be sent to Namibia in Africa. They will become a means of transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to the market, accessing healthcare and other services.

Thus far, a total of 824 bicycles have been shipped to Namibia from all over the country. Pedals for Progress is a registered charity in this state and collects over 9,000 bicycles annually and transfers them to places like Latin America, Africa and the Pacific Islands. In these countries, the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at a low cost to poor working adults.

To learn more about Pedals for Progress, log on to www.p4p.org.



State employee volunteers get the bikes ready for transport overseas.

New PBS series

'America's Walking' features fitness

Are you interested in getting started on a walking program? If so, check out the new Public Broadcasting Service series, "America's Walking," to be televised nationwide. In the Trenton Area, the weekly fitness, travel and lifestyle series will be televised on the New Jersey Network (NJN).

Host Mark Fenton, the country's foremost expert on pedestrian issues, will travel around the country, interviewing leading experts and regular folks struggling to maintain an active, healthy lifestyle. The series will be divided into five parts; Personal Health and Fitness, Fuel for the Road, Gear to Go, Travel & Adventure and Call to Action.

"America's Walking" is not an exercise show. It is a motivational lifestyle program that provides viewers with a blueprint for increasing daily activity and creating more pedestrian friendly communities. The series is co-produced by Connecticut Public Television and Big Purse Productions.

For more information about this exciting new television series, log on to www.pbs.org/americaswalking.com.

This series is made possible through a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the largest U.S. foundation devoted to improving the health of all Americans. In 2000, the foundation handed out \$339 million in grants. To learn more about what The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is doing to promote bicycling and walking in New Jersey, log on to www.rwjf.org.



Paterson, Freehold, Franklin receive pedestrian grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) announced the award of \$3 million in grants for local transportation improvement projects throughout the state. Freehold Borough, Franklin Township and Paterson received the monies.

Freehold Borough (Monmouth County) received \$300,000 for a Main Street Pedestrian Crosswalks project. The Kingston Village Pedestrian Access program in Franklin Township (Somerset County) received \$150,000. Paterson (Passaic County) received \$500,000 for a Pedestrian Safety Connector between the transit station to downtown and Great Falls Historic District.

The Local Aid for Center of Place Grants are awarded to non-traditional transportation projects that advance the development in municipalities designated as "urban, regional, town or village centers". The grants are awarded through the NJDOT Local Aid for Centers of Place program.

Commissioner to announce FY 2002 transportation enhancement awards

Commissioner Jamie Fox will announce \$13.5 million in grants that include bicycle and pedestrian projects this summer. The Division of Local Government Services received 203 applications. Watch for the announcement of awards on our website at www.state.nj.us/transportation/dlgs.

NJDOT solicits FY '03 Municipal Aid applications

Counties and municipalities are encouraged to submit applications for bicycle and pedestrian projects under NJDOT's Municipal Aid Program. The deadline for applications is June 28, 2002.

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/lgs/stateaidforms.htm>. You may also contact your Local Government Services District Office.

Burlington adds 49 miles of bike lanes

Burlington County continues its program of providing safe and reliable routes for bicyclists by constructing 49 new miles of bike lanes.

Over the past few years, Burlington has considered the needs of bicyclists in the planning process. It has striped shoulders and/or designated bike lanes on five county routes. NJDOT awarded the county \$1,030,000 in Municipal and Local Aid Grants to implement some of these projects.

The bike accommodations connect residential areas to schools, libraries and businesses and provide a recreational and utilitarian use for cyclists.



Cyclists ride on the 1.7 miles of bike lanes recently installed on County Route 544 (Marlton Pike).

ROUTE	LENGTH	LOCATION	MUNICIPALITIES
Route 532	15.2 miles	Between Route 72 and Carranza Rd.	Woodland and Tabernacle Townships
Route 563	18.9 miles	Between Route 72 and County Route 542 (Batsto Rd.)	Woodland, Bass River and Washington Townships
Route 679	5.5 miles	Between County Route 563 (New Gretna-Chatsworth Rd.) and Village of New Gretna	Woodland and Bass River Townships
Route 544	1.7 miles	Between State Route 73 and Tomlinson Mill Rd.	Evesham Township
Route 616	3.8 miles	Between County Route 668 (Arney's Mount Rd.) and Route 68	Pemberton and New Hanover Townships

New trails ready to ride

TRAIL NAME	LENGTH	MUNICIPALITY	COUNTY
Port Oram Multi-Use Trail	1.00 miles	Wharton	Morris County
Snogum Trail Bikeway	2.80 miles	Randolph	Morris County
Stirling to Millington Trail	.50 miles	Stirling/Millington	Morris County
Belvidere Bikeway	.38 miles	Belvidere Twp.	Warren County
Mansfield Bikeway	.33 miles	Mansfield Twp.	Warren County





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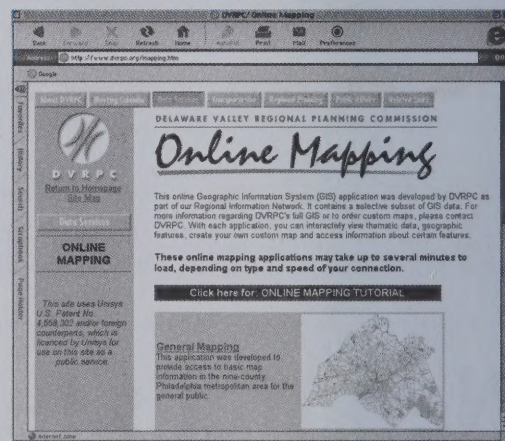
DVRPC announces new on-line trail database

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has created an on-line mapping application to bring the power of the Geographic Information System (GIS) to the public. The on-line application is called the "Trails Clearinghouse" and was developed by DVRPC as part of their Regional Information Network.

This mapping website was developed to assist trail users, trail advocates, planners, and local decision makers in their efforts to plan, design, implement and utilize an interconnected network of off-road and multi-use trails in the nine-county Philadelphia metropolitan area.

The nine counties include: Mercer, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester in New Jersey; and Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Philadelphia and Delaware in Pennsylvania.

With this system, you can interactively view geographic features, create your own custom map and access information about certain features. To access DVRPC's new Trails Clearinghouse website, log on to www.dvrpc.org/mapping.htm.



InMotion reports on NJDOT's ongoing bicycle and pedestrian programs and our progress in achieving initiatives. For more information or to submit ideas for this newsletter, please call Sheree Davis, NJDOT Office of Bike/Ped Programs, at 609-530-6551. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration.